

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
INTELLIGENCE REPORT

COUNTRY Turkey/Greece DATE:

SUBJECT Possible Successor to Patriarch Maximos

25X1X6

INFO.

DIST. 21 May 1947

25X1A6a

ORIGIN

PAGES

SUPPLEMENT

25X1X6

25X1A6a

1. It is reported that the Greek Government wants to appoint Chryssanthos, former Metropolitan of Trebizond, successor to Maximos as Patriarch of the Orthodox Church in Istanbul. Chryssanthos is described as being a Greek nationalist and anti-Turkish. It is believed that the Turks will never accept the appointment of Chryssanthos.

Comment: Patriarch Maximos is en route to Athens, at the request of the Greek Government, in order to consult specialists in connection with his illness. If he is found to be incurable, it is believed that his resignation as Patriarch will be accepted.

This document is hereby regraded to
CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the
letter of 10 October 1978 from the
Director of Central Intelligence to the
Archivist of the United States.
Next Review Date: 2008

CONFIDENTIAL

Document No. 7
NO CHANGE in Class. ☐
☒ DECLASSIFIED
Class. CHANGED TO: TS S C
DDA Memo, 4 Apr 79
Auth: DDA REG. 77/1743
Date: 25/4/79 By: 009